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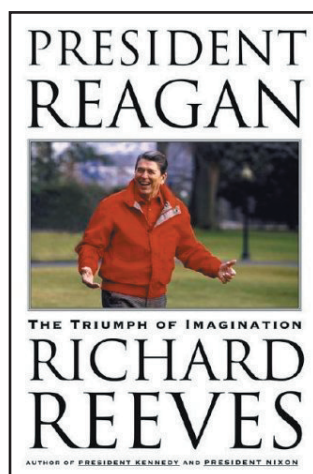
Author Reeves to Discuss New Book About President Reagan

Event is Part of Great American Writers Series

Presented by San Diego Public Library and City Club

Author and syndicated columnist Richard Reeves will discuss his new book, "President Reagan: Triumph of Imagination," on Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library at 7 p.m. The event is part of the Great American Writers Series presented by the Library and the City Club of San Diego.

Reeves has written a surprising and revealing portrait of one of the most important leaders of the 20th century. As he did in his bestselling books "President Kennedy: Profile of Power" and "President Nixon: Alone in the White House," Reeves has used newly declassified documents and hundreds of interviews to show a president at work day by day, sometimes minute by minute.



"President Reagan: The Triumph of Imagination" is the story of an accomplished politician, a bold, even reckless leader, a gambler, a man who imagined an American past and an American future—and made them real. He is a man of ideas who changed the world for better or worse, a man who understands that words are often more important than deeds. Reeves shows a man who understands how to be president,

who knows that the job is not to manage the government but to lead the nation.

Reeves is an author and syndicated columnist whose weekly column has appeared since 1979 in more than 100 newspapers. He has received a number of awards for his work in print, television and film, and for his contributions to journalism.

Reeves began his career in journalism at age 23, founding the *Phillipsburg Free Press* in Phillipsburg, N.J. Working his way up, he became chief political correspondent of



Michelle Banks stars in "Compensation," a film being shown as part of the Library's Entre Nous Showcase series.

Entre Nous Showcase to Present Film Screenings

As part of the Entre Nous Showcase series, two films will be shown Jan. 13 at the Performance Annex of the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library. The Showcase series spotlights the artistic abilities of the Library's multitalented and creative staff.

"**Compensation**," a film written by Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Manager Marc Chery, presents two unique African-American love stories between a deaf woman and a hearing man. Inspired by a poem written by Paul Laurence Dunbar, this moving narrative shares their struggle to overcome racism, disability and discrimination.

An important film on African-American deaf culture, director Zeinabu Davis innovatively incorporates silent film techniques to make the piece accessible to hearing and deaf viewers alike, and to share the vast possibilities of language and communication.

Also being shown will be the short documentary film "**Voyage of Discovery**," about the installation of public art at the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library.

The City Heights/Weingart Branch is located at 3795 Fairmount Ave. A donation is requested to benefit library programs. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

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California Quartet to Perform at College-Rolando Branch

Fresh off of its concert tour in Europe, the California Quartet will perform a free concert on Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. at the College-Rolando Branch Library. The library is located at 6600 Montezuma Road.

Formed in 2000, the California Quartet includes Erin Breen, cello; Bridget Dolkas, violin; Christine Grossman, viola; and Alice Wrate, violin.

The quartet is noted for its spirited musicality, lyric and soulful playing ability, charismatic on-stage demeanor, and interactive ensemble style. Passionate and personable, the members of the quartet naturally bring the audience and performer closer through thoughtful and convincing musical interpretations, and by integrating lively and relevant commentary about each work they perform. Besides embracing and presenting traditional quartet repertoire, it is of great interest to the group to build audience appreciation and understanding of 20th and 21st century works.

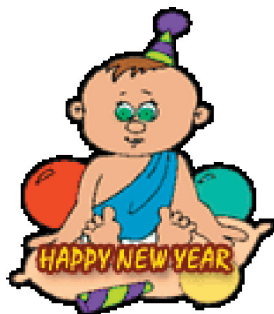


Puppets to Tell "Stories from Around the World"

The Icarus Puppet Co. will perform "Stories from Around the World" on Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. at the City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, located at 3795 Fairmount Ave. Formed in 1990 and based in San Diego, Icarus embraces puppetry as a form of serious theater and invites the audience to join in the experience. The nonprofit company accomplishes this by blending many art forms to create dynamic programs; including, music, dance, masks, storytelling and acting. Required reservations may be made by calling the library at 619-641-6100.

Libraries to be Closed Jan. 1 and 2

All 35 City of San Diego libraries will be closed on Sunday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of the New Year. Book drops will remain open as a convenience for patrons to return books and other materials. Libraries will resume normal operating hours on Tuesday, Jan. 3.



Free Films at Libraries



The Library presents a variety of free films, many of which are independent or foreign films not widely distributed. Others are classic and family-friendly movies. For more information about films being shown, visit the Calendar of Events section on the Library's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Workshop to Help with Job Searches, Career Advancement

The Library will host an Internet and Technology Workshop that will cover various employment resources, career directories, online company profiles and contact information. The course will be conducted by staff of the Library's Social Sciences Section.

The free workshop will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Computer Lab of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. The workshop is limited to 17 participants and basic Internet experience is recommended. Sign up for the course on or after Jan. 3, 2006. Reservations can be made by calling the Library at 619-238-6621.

Other upcoming computer workshops include one focusing on fashion on Feb. 28 and another on periodical research on March 18. For more information, call 619-238-6621 or visit the Library on the City's Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

Library's Winter/Spring Concert Series Kicks Off with Mozart Celebration

The 2006 Winter/Spring Concert Series of the Library will premiere Sunday, Jan. 29 with a celebration of Wolfgang Mozart's 250th birthday and music. The program will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego.

The trio of Robert Marcus, clarinet; William de Malignon, cello; and Ilana Mysior, piano; will perform selected music by Mozart. Theirs will be the first of seven concerts that will make up the series.

The series are funded by a donation from the Herbert Feuerisen Family and other public donors. A full schedule of events is available online at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.



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The New York Times, writing for numerous publications and becoming national editor and columnist for *Esquire* and *New York Magazine* along the way. Named a "literary lion" by the New York Public Library, Reeves has won a number of print journalism awards. In 1975, Reeves made the leap from newspaper to books with the publication of "A Ford, not a Lincoln." His "President Kennedy: Profile of Power" is now considered the authoritative work on the 35th president, has won several national awards and was named the Best Non-Fiction Book of 1993 by *Time* and Book of the Year by *Washington Monthly*.

Reeves has also worked extensively on television and in film, as a panelist for "We Interrupt this Week," and chief correspondent on "Frontline." He has made six TV films and won all of television's major documentary awards: the Emmy for "Lights, Camera . . . Politics!"; the Columbia-DuPont Award for "Struggle for Birmingham"; and the George Foster Peabody Award for "Red Star over Khyber."

Moreover, Reeves has received recognition for his impact on journalism. In 1998, he won the Carey McWilliams Award of the American Political Science Association for distinguished contributions to the understanding of American politics. He was the Goldman Lecturer on American Civilization and Government at the Library of Congress that year.

Today, Reeves is a visiting professor at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California, while continuing to write his weekly syndicated column. His ongoing projects include a history of the Oregon Trail, and a recreation of the experiments of Ernest Rutherford (Nobel Prize winner for chemistry in 1908).

The Great American Writers Series features the whole genre of American writing - fiction, non-fiction, and journalism. The corporate sponsor of the upcoming event is the San Diego National Bank.

The Jan. 12 event will be held at the Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library, located at 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. Reservations are required. Please contact the City Club of San Diego at 619-687-3580 or cityclubofsandiego@prodigy.net. The cost is \$5 per person.



Richard Reeves

Free Counseling Sessions to be Held for Small Businesses

The Library will continue hosting free counseling sessions for small businesses with SCORE (Counselors to America's Small Business).

For 2006, the sessions will start Jan. 4 and continue through Dec. 13. Each session provides an opportunity to discuss various business challenges first-time and seasoned small business owners face in a competitive business world. Topics covered may include business plans, business start-up, finances, marketing, business expansion, and other issues. Participants meet one-on-one with a SCORE counselor. These counselors have received high marks from those who have already attended a session.



SCORE is a national nonprofit organization and a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Volunteers, including working and retired business owners, executives and corporate leaders, share their wisdom and lessons learned in business.

The counseling sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room at the Central Library. The dates for January through April are: Jan. 4 and 18; Feb. 1 and 15; March 1, 15 and 29; and April 12. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. Please call or email to reserve seating. Walk-ins are welcome. Street parking is free after 6 p.m.

To register or for more information, please contact Business Resources & Technology Link at the Social Sciences section of the Central Library at 619-238-6630, email businesslink@sandiego.gov, or visit <http://sandiego.gov/public-library/services/businesseshtml>.

Learn How to Write Books Quickly

Local author Judy Collins will make a presentation entitled "How to Write Your First Book Fast" on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at the San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, San Diego. The event is free. For more information, call the library at 619-527-3430.

Even More Great Events and Programs!

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